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Gordon Kimber, Treasurer 10th Congressional District Democratic Leadership Caucus 12237 Alcosta Boulevard San Ramon, CA 94583

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Dear Mr. Kimber:

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This letter is prompted by the Commission's reliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contains in the report(s). An itemization follows:

A of your report (pertinent port on(5) -Schedule attached) discloses a contribution(s) from an organization(s) which is not a political committee registered with the Commission. In order for your committee to accept contributions from unregi tered organizations into accounts used to influence f ieral elections, your committee should take steps to raure that the contributor(s) used permissible funds to make the contribution(s) to avoid violating 2 \$\$441a(f) and 441b or 11 CFR \$102.5(b). Under .s.c. \$102.5(b), organizations which are not political committees under the Act and choose to contribt e to federal committees must either: 1) establish a se arate account which contains only those funds permitted under demonstrate through a reas hable the Act, or 2) accounting method that the organization has re sived sufficient funds subject to the limitations and prohibitions in order to make the contribution.

If the contribution(s) in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your or jinal report with clarifying information. In addition, lease clarify whether the contribution(s) received from the referenced organization(s) is permissible. To the extent that your committee has received impermissible funds, the Commission recommends that you transfer the impermissible funds to an account not used to influence federal elections or refund the impermissible among its)

to the donor(s) in accordance with 11 CFR \$103.3(b). In order to protect the donor's interests, the Commission recommends that you inform the contributor(s) in writing to provide the donor(s) with the option of receiving a refund or granting written authorization for a transfer to another account.

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of your check for the transfer-out or refund. Should you choose to transfer-out or refund the contribution(s), the Commission will presume the funds were impermissible if no statement from your committee provides information to the contrary. Transfers-out and refunds should be disclosed on a Schedule B supporting Line 22 or 28 of the report covering the period during which the transaction was made.

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of prohibited contributions, prompt action by your committee in transferring-out or refunding the amounts will be taken into consideration.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 219-3580.

Sincerely,

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